

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Roger Toennis, Colin Driscoll, Pete Duffy, Kathie Kraemer, Ed Hattenbach and Leslie McIntosh

1. Taking Root program information and Natorps participation coupon was distributed.
2. The Adopt A Grove program to preserve Amberley Green trees was discussed. The committee has selected several areas for community volunteer efforts and ESC committee members (Toennis, Duffy, Kraemer, and Driscoll) arranged to meet on the property May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 to finalize the ESC's commitment to a cleanup area.
3. An ESC educational program titled the 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Dam Tour will explain to interested residents the renovations taking place around the bridge on the large pond on Amberley Green. The contract will be announced by May 28<sup>th</sup> and the speaker for the tour will be determined after the award announcement. The date for the program is anticipated to be the end of September.
4. Our municipal staff continues to explore ways to improve Amberley's ambiance and services in cost efficient manners. Maintenance supervisor Wes Brown identified the need and opportunity to create a municipal tree nursery to replenish the trees lost to invasive species and weather. Wes has carefully considered location, planting bed construction, gravity fed water sharing, transportability, tree quality and long-term tree health for replanting on Village public spaces. Wes will finalize recommendations and costs and will present his findings to AV Park 's and Public Buildings committee. Potential partners in this endeavor were discussed. The ESC is very excited about this opportunity as it betters the Village environment and surroundings.
5. The ESC committee will promote programs, Taking Root, Adopt A Grove, and Dam Tour at the Ice Cream Social on Sunday August 24, 2014.
6. Ideas to reuse local downed trees were discussed. The committee will consider options to connect owners with fallen trees to people looking for firewood.
7. The 2014 One Stop Drop program was a huge success and its 2015 date in the early spring will possibly be March 29 or April 12. The use of sawhorses in addition to orange traffic cones and a potential rain date was discussed.
8. To Do Items. We would like to provide residents with more information regarding the increasing numbers of stink bugs in their homes. We also wish to investigate options to trim the honeysuckles along the planted tree line opposite Village Hall along Ridge Road.

Meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for.?????

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